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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and § 1.97(b), the Examiner is hereby respectfully advised that the references listed on the attached sheets have come to the attention of Applicants and are being disclosed for consideration by the Examiner. Applicants have identified the references on the PTO-1449 form attached hereto.

Since the present application is a continuation application filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b), it is Applicant's understanding that all of the references previously of record in the parent applications, Serial No. 09/163,896 filed October 1, 1998 et al. are now also of record in the present continuation application. Such references, which are listed on the attached PTO-1449 form, include those cited both by the Applicant and the Examiner in the parent

applications. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), a copy of any patent or publication listed is not required to be provided if it was previously cited by or submitted to the Patent Office in a prior application, provided that the prior application is properly identified in the statement and relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 1.20.

It is Applicants' opinion that the claims presently on file patentably distinguish the present invention from each of these references. The references are being cited only in the interest of candor and without any admission that they constitute statutory prior art or contain matter which anticipates the invention or which would render the same obvious, either singly or in combination, to a person of ordinary skill in the art.

Applicants respectfully request that the references listed on the attached PTO-1449 form be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application.


In the event a first Office Action on the merits has been mailed in the above identified application prior to the Certificate of Mailing date set forth above, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee due under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(p) to Applicant's attorney's Deposit Account No. 08-0750. A duplicate copy of this Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed for this purpose.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the present amendment he should not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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